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Public Development Projects in Lebanon

The principal public projects contemplated by the Lebanese Government are as follows:

The development of a large, modern airport at Beirut, designed to serve international airlines such as the Pan-American.

The installation of a modern telephone system to replace the present outmoded eqipment.

The construction of a $2,000,000 radio broadcasting station.

A five-year plan for supplying drinking water to hundreds of isolated villages, particularly in the Jabal Amel district. Other works of the same nature are planned for the Bekaa, Akkar, and the districts of Zghorta, Koura, Jebeil, F'touh, Kesrwan, Kklim and Aley. The total cost is estimated at 5,000,000 Lebanese pounds (approximately $2,250,000).

Irrigation undertakings are being carried out on the Yammouneh, which are expected to be completed this year, and on the Kasmieh, the latter to be completed in 1948.

A hydro-electric project on the Nahr-el-Kelb is also under contemplation

Public Development Projects in Syria

The principal public projects contemplated by the Syrian Government are as follows:

The development of the port of Lattakia to serve deep-draft vessels. If carried out, the effect of this project would be to reduce Syria's dependency on the harbor of Beirut.

The construction of a radio broadcasting station at an estimated cost of $2,000,000.

The installation of a modern telephone system to replace the present outmoded ones.

The construction of an aqueduct to convey drinking water fro the Euphrates to the city of Aleppo. This is a major plan wich badly needed and which may be carried out at an early date.

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Although in the tentative stage, plans are contemplated for the construction of a number of reservoir tanks on the Euphrates in northern Syria. The purpose of these tanks would be to provide steady irrigation in the Jezirah, the principal agricultural district of Syria, a region said to be susceptible of great development.